

lot of different numbers. There is one bill before us today. The gentleman says it is not bipartisan. Eighteen Republican Senators voted for it. Granted, neither of his illustrious Senators from his State voted for it, but 18 Republican Senators did vote for it.

The numbers keep jumping around. We have one bill before us today, not the other one you want to debate. We have one bill before us that will build America's infrastructure, a long-overdue investment. We haven't increased investment substantially since the Clinton era. It has fallen apart. If you deny that, I have nothing more to say.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MEUSER).

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Missouri for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, the \$1.2 trillion Transportation and Infrastructure bill is 100 percent coupled, linked, dependent upon the \$3.5 trillion partisan reconciliation bill.

As our colleagues in the Democratic Party continue to remind us and affirm, investing in our Nation's transportation and infrastructure is a core function of government, and this bill is something I and many other Republicans and Members have tried hard to support.

Unfortunately, the Democrat leadership has made it patently clear that to pass this infrastructure bill, we must pass a completely partisan \$5 trillion budget reconciliation bill with the largest tax hike and government expansion in the history of our Nation. That I cannot support.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Missouri has 10 minutes remaining. The gentleman from Oregon has 11½ minutes remaining.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. We are going to close the debate for tonight and continue this debate tomorrow. Perhaps Summit will come back to planet Earth.

Mr. Speaker, look, very simply, we are looking at a record investment in our crumbling infrastructure. I will just repeat it one more time: 42,000 bridges on the national highway system in need of serious repair or replacement; 40 percent of the National Highway System needs to be rebedded—that is totally rebuilt. That is expensive, not just another coat of asphalt on top, because it has been neglected for so long.

This is costing Americans every year a thousand bucks for car repair, blown-out tires, misaligned front ends when they hit these potholes.

Americans want this done. Yeah, it is going to increase investment in transit; \$100 billion-dollar backlog to bring transit to a state of good repair in this country.

We have the strongest Buy America requirements of any part of the government. There were two potential problems with Chinese-owned industries. Unfortunately, the Senate couldn't see their way to close those. But the predominant amount of this money—and those loopholes have already been partially closed from other legislation I put through—will be spent on American jobs, American manufacturing made here in the United States of America, another key part of the President's proposal. Bring it home. Make it here. Rebuild our country. To be continued.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the motion to concur in Senate amendment to H.R. 3684 is postponed.

NATIONAL CHOCOLATE MILK DAY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Penn State University's Berkey Creamery on their 2021 award for Best Whole Chocolate Milk. It only seems fitting to announce this award today, on National Chocolate Milk Day.

The creamery took home this award on August 30 at the World Dairy Expo Championship Dairy Product Contest. And I can attest it is delicious.

Whole milk is the number one provider of nine essential nutrients as well as a great deal of long-term benefits. Millions of Americans nationwide enjoy it. In fact, 70 percent of milk consumed is flavored, with chocolate milk being the most popular. But milk consumption is declining, and due to misguided public policy, this nutritious beverage was removed from the National Lunch Program.

Earlier this year, my colleague, Mr. ANTONIO DELGADO and I introduced the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act. This legislation would provide our students with the nutrient-rich beverage by bringing flavored and unflavored whole milk back into the school cafeterias.

Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to celebrate today with a large glass of chocolate milk.

RAISE THE DEBT CEILING

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, George Washington fought for the Nation. Abraham Lincoln tried to unify it.

I am absolutely stunned that the United States Senate would not uphold its responsibility to pay America's bills—the bills that we have paid over and over again—by refusing to raise

the debt ceiling for some foolish tomfoolery of politics. What is our Nation up to? What are the Republicans up to?

But I do want to say as well that I look forward to the budget reconciliation or the Build Back America and the INVEST Act traveling the same pathway because my district needs the extra \$20 million that we had established here in the House to be able to help the corridor along Scott Street where Texas Southern University is and the University of Houston, a majority university and a historically Black university.

We have to get to work. We have to realize that the importance of connecting neighborhoods that lost the connectiveness because of major highways is crucial—like I45 North that divided the community; like 288, that is already there, that has divided communities of color.

Let's do the right thing and stand for the American people. Politics has no place for deciding whether people have clean water, whether people have roads that work and mobility, and, of course, broadband.

Madam Speaker, let's stand with the American people.

BIDEN'S 2007 BORDER POLICY

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. "Ladies and gentlemen, no great country can say it is secure without being able to control its borders. Period. What I would do about it is what I proposed to do about it almost 13 years ago. I would radically ramp up the number of border security guards we have and increase the use of electronic surveillance material we have to guard the border."

Now, which politician said those words back on the campaign trail back in 2007?

Here is another quote for you: "We simply cannot allow people to pour into the United States undetected, undocumented, unchecked, and circumventing the line of people who are waiting patiently, diligently, and lawfully to become immigrants in this country."

That wasn't President Trump. That wasn't even a Republican. Those commonsense border policy quotes you heard came from none other than President Biden and President Obama.

Those words reveal the Democrats do know what is needed to fix our border crisis, but they are too afraid of what the liberal media and the progressive left would do in order to act.

So I call on President Biden to listen to his own advice and do what needs to be done because "no great country can say it is secure without being able to control its own borders. Period."

REMEMBERING JOHN VALENTINE BURKE

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the